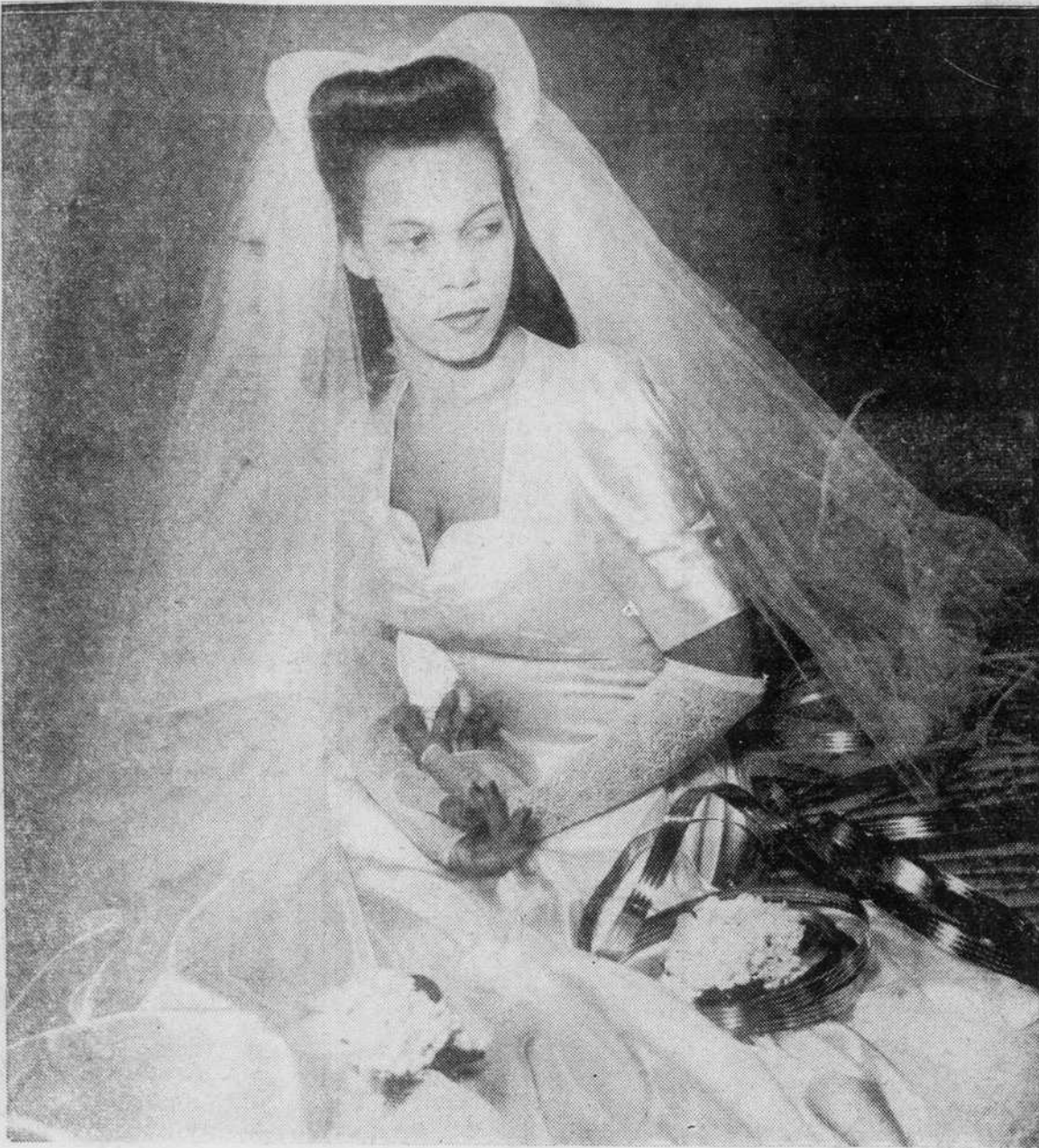


Cong. Mitchell Spikes Rumors He Will Retire

CHARMING JUNE BRIDE



MRS. M. HENRY PITTS
50-year-old Peggy Pitts, lovely and talented dancer, who became the bride of M. Henry Pitts last evening in a lovely ceremony. Mrs. Pitts is a former student at the University of Wisconsin while Mr. Pitts is a graduate of the University of Illinois and the University of Chicago. (Photo by Gordon Rogers Park-Town House)

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FDR NAMES BODY TO PROBE JOB JIMCROWS

Randolph, White On Committee

WASHINGTON, June 26—President Roosevelt this week pushed his order to eliminate discrimination in defense industry with the appointment of a committee to make a study of discrimination practiced against Negroes in various phases of the nation's defense program.

The committee, which is headed by New York's mayor, Fiorello La Guardia, is to offer to him recommendations for effectively handling them. Its appointment followed a conference held in the cabinet room of the White House, and was seen by some as an effort to appease A. Philip Randolph to whom appeals had been made to call off his pet march on Washington, July 1.

Randolph is whipping into final shape this week, plans for a mass demonstration against injustices which Negroes are suffering under the defense program.

HYDE PARK GRAD



ELEANOR F. CALDWELL
Charming daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Caldwell who graduates Thursday evening from Hyde Park high school. Miss Caldwell, a popular member of the Bon Ton's Social club and the Ivettes will matriculate this fall at the University of Michigan.

Mitchell Case Back To I. C. C. For New Ruling

The last hurdle in the nationally prominent Mitchell railroad discrimination suit was reached this week when the Federal District court of Illinois ordered the Interstate Commerce Commission to render a decision in the case consistent with that handed down on April 28 by the Supreme Court of the United States.

The Supreme Court ruling outlawed discrimination in interstate travel which denied equal accommodations because of race or color.

The Federal District Court mandate, which reversed its own failure to act because of lack of jurisdiction in the matter, directs that Congressman Mitchell's complaint be reinstated and all other proper orders entered as are "according to right, justice and the law of the United States."

The court further ordered that all costs expended by Congressman Mitchell in prosecution of the fight against railroad discrimination should be paid by the three railroads named in his suit.

REAL ESTATE COMPANY LOSES IN COURT TILT

Decision Regarded As Far-Reaching

Regarded as significant in bringing about better housing conditions and balking sky-rocketing of rents in the South Side community was a jury verdict in Judge John J. McCormick's court Thursday won by a tenant, a widow, against a long-established real estate firm.

The case was a two months' struggle against an arbitrary rent raise put into effect by H. J. Coleman and company, in an apartment building at 101-108 W. 59th street. It reached its apex Thursday when a jury decided in favor of Mrs. Grace Davis, 104 W. 59th street, after she was forced to take her protest of an increase in her rent to court.

Coleman and company, effort to evict her for non-payment of rent was lost when the jury found her not guilty. Company lawyers immediately made motion for a new trial.

Committee Backs Fight
The woman's plight was first noted when she sought the aid of the South Side Action Committee. The services of Atty. Ulysses S. Keys were immediately secured. Attorney Keys demanded a jury trial when the case was first set for hearing. His impassioned plea in her behalf Thursday resulted in the favorable decision and has earned for him community-wide commendation.

When Mrs. Davis came to them the South Side Action Committee immediately launched a post card protest campaign. A house-to-house canvass brought about an avalanche of hundreds of postcards, which flooded the offices of the real estate firm.

"We are determined to get her out," a lawyer for the company which employs the law firm of Herman Silverstein, stated to Attorney Keys following Thursday's hearing. "Why?" was the lawyer's interested query. "Those postcards," was the laconic reply. Attorney Keys pointed out that the postcard protest of the rent increase was a mere nothing compared to the indignation which would sweep the community if any underhand methods to force her out were used.

Important Event
The South Side Action committee, through Paul Picquet, its executive secretary, commented on the victory Wednesday to a BEE reporter. Picquet said:

"The committee, which took up Mrs. Davis' fight at its beginning, considers this case an important event in the struggle for better homes on the South Side. Joseph Barton, chairman of the South Side Action committee, has stated that one of the most effective ways we can combat high rents and arbitrary rent raises which are common practices of South Side landlords, is to fight every attempt made to raise rent without giving tenants any adequate return for his rent dollar."

The committee is planning a mass meeting where a full report of the Davis fight will be presented, and where plans for the continued fight against high rents will be announced by the committee.

Issues Vital
In his speech to the jury Attorney Keys pointed out that Mrs. Davis' case was not just an eviction, but its issues were vital to the hundreds of thousands of Negroes.

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COMMUNITY FORUM

By F. T. LANE

WAR FEVER

SLUM CLEARANCE BILL

THE WAR FEVER has really reached this community. The women seem to be preparing to take the place of millions of men in training camps. Every day on every corner there are numbers of them who have on not only slacks but very expensive tailored slacks and try to look as mannish as possible.

Maybe they figure that the best physically fit men have joined the army and those who are left behind are either too young or too old to be influenced by the lure of skirts.

At any rate we hope that it is only a fad.

POLITICAL ORGANIZATION
The neighborhood leaders must organize at once in order to be better prepared to combat any undue hardships which will be caused from the neighborhood redevelopment as indicated in the recent bill which passed the State Legislature.

In the final analysis the mayor and the city council who organized the redevelopment committee will be chiefly responsible for the policy and program of this new corporation.

However, we hope that there will be a persistent and aggressive program of building development by Negroes themselves, also, these areas which are not classified as slums and which may not be attacked by Neighborhood Redevelopment Corporation should redouble their efforts to improve their blocks physically and morally if they be allowed to remain in this property.

SIX YEARS LATER we hear the cause of the strenuous opposition to the erection of the Federal Housing Project on the south side at its present location.

Some of the persons who sponsored some of the Neighborhood Redevelopment bills openly admitted that they did not want the Negro community to be stabilized in new dwellings that close to the lake and the loop. It is likely that the Ida B. Wells Homes may be responsible for a number of Negroes to live in contiguous blocks.

FALL OUT OF BED FATAL TO AGED WOMAN

A fall from her bed on May 29, caused the death last Thursday of Mrs. Sara Lambert, 74, of 3819 State street. Mrs. Lambert died in county hospital after complications set in from a fractured thigh. The woman's advanced age aggravated the injury, it was stated. An inquest was held Saturday at the morgue.

The Chicago Bee has more net paid circulation than any other local newspaper.

MITCHELL SPIKES RETIREMENT RUMORS; WILL REMAIN ACTIVE

Congressman Arthur W. Mitchell, during his brief visit here last week, took time out to spike rumors concerning his alleged retirement. In an interview with a Bee correspondent he said that he had issued no statement concerning his retirement.

When asked what political course he would follow in the coming Congressional election he issued the following statement: "I am and expect to remain an active member of the Second Ward Democratic organization and in all matters I am subject to the orders of that organization to run again or do anything that it wants me to do."

Rumor has had it that the nation's sole Negro congressman and the first democrat of his race to sit in the halls of Congress would retire to his Virginia farm at the end of the present term. Just where the rumor began Rep. Mitchell could not say. He let it be known, however, that he is still in the running if the Second Ward organization so orders.

Honors Lawyer
Congressman Mitchell gave a dinner Saturday evening in honor of Richard E. Westbrook, his attorney, in appreciation of his fine services rendered in the railroad discrimination case filed by the congressman.

The fiery veteran lawyer heard more than a score of guests tell him that his victory would benefit black Americans yet unborn and would aid in assuring democracy and justice to colored people throughout the country.

The congressman was told that his action in securing a Negro lawyer was worthy of praise. Mitchell replied that he had talked of the Negro's ability and he preferred to go further than many Negro leaders in demonstrating that he earnestly maintained that view. He pointed out that he took one colored lawyer and beat more than a score of the best white lawyers the railroads could hire or the South could produce. He told the guests that at each court hearing there were always several lawyers who appeared against him and Atty. Westbrook.

Byrnes Congratulates Him
Rep. Mitchell said that he had received thousands of telegrams congratulating him and Atty. Westbrook on their victory. He said that the first senator to congratulate him upon the victory was Sen. James F. Byrnes (Dem., S. C.) who has recently been appointed Associate Justice of the United States Supreme court.

Mitchell, who in May asked President Roosevelt to appoint Senator Byrnes to the vacancy on the supreme court, declared that the new justice whom he had known for 30 years, has a broad vision and a "determination to be

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Reveal Plans For Boystown In Illinois

A lesson in true democracy is that which this week announced the proposed establishment in Illinois of a boys' town where boys of all colors, creeds and races may enjoy the privileges and security of enough food to eat, clothes to wear and beds to sleep in. The teachers? A group organized as American Boystown, Inc., and all of them Negroes!

Boystown, so far in embryo state, has on the credit side of its ledger a state charter, a fund of \$2,500 given by the seven members of the board of directors, and 80 acres field and timber land near Mokena. The land was deeded to the corporation by Mrs. Clara E. Howard at a ceremony in her real estate office at 160 North LaSalle street.

James W. Washington, whose idea launched the American Negro Exposition, is founder and general manager of the project. Washington stated this week: "We hope to have the place ready to use as a camp soon." He said he and his board are depending on subscriptions to establish the farm, and revealed he has received offers of hogs, cows and chickens when Boystown is ready.

Members of the board are Washington, Maston Jones of Louisville, Ky.; C. A. Hansberry, Willard M. Payne, Arthur Hitchinson, Mrs. Koressa Alston Fox and James A. Carter, all Chicagoans.

Dr. John Hall Named Health Superintendent

Dr. John B. Hall, Jr., has been named district health superintendent of the Illinois department of public health. His appointment came as the result of successfully passing a civil service examination and he thus becomes the first Negro to hold such a position in Illinois.

Dr. Hall's duties are connected with the newly formed Cook County Public Health Unit, an organization representing a cooperative arrangement between the board of commissioners of Cook county, the state department of health and the United States public health service which serves all of Cook county outside of Chicago, Evanston, and Winnetka.

Among other positions, Dr. Hall is chairman of the public health section of the National Medical association which meets here in August.

Fight On To Oust Walker As 'Force Head

WILBERFORCE—The ouster of President D. Ormonde Walker as president of Wilberforce university this week as trustees of the state department this week virtually ordered Wilberforce trustees to accede to their demands and force his dismissal. July 15 has been set as the deadline for putting into actual operation a separate college.

Delayed action was taken as a move to force his ouster, despite the fact that in June, 1940, the university trustees had re-elected him for a four-year term ending June, 1944. The body also refused to support forces seeking his removal at the meeting of the trustees held here last week.

CEMETERY PROBE ON; FORMER EMPLOYE SAYS GRAVE OPENED

The State's Attorney's office is today (Thursday) in possession of an affidavit which threatens to blow the lid off the Restvale cemetery scandal which last week rocked the South Side.

Charles Burns, 4821 South State street, formerly employed at the cemetery as grave digger in an authorized statement related how acting upon orders of James Pettis, superintendent of the Restvale cemetery, he reopened graves after bodies were interred and took out the wooden boxes in which the caskets were enclosed.

These boxes, it was disclosed, were re-sold, oftentimes as many as three times. Burns' affidavit stated further that he re-opened an average of two or three graves a week during the ten years he was employed at the cemetery. Burns went to work there in 1929 and worked until February of this year. He said he was fired because of his advanced age. He is 57 years old.

Grave Reopened
An investigation of irregularities at the Restvale cemetery was launched early this week by the state's attorney's office following last week's sensational charges that bodies were being disturbed and graves reopened after burial there.

The probe was ordered when Oscar Murphy, 4723 Champlain avenue, filed charges at the state's attorney's office, and six witnesses testified that they surprised grave diggers lifting the casket in which the body of Cero Murphy, father of Oscar, had been buried, but of the grave just thirty minutes after his interment.

The grave diggers, Charles White and John Baker, were

Genl. Davis To Leave Ft. Riley For War Post

FT. RILEY, Kans., June 26—(ANP)—Brig. Gen. Benjamin O. Davis, only colored general officer in the United States army, left Thursday for Washington, where he will be assigned to the inspector-general's department.

Gen. Davis has been commander of the 4th cavalry brigade here since Jan. 13. The general is 64 for retirement. He will be 65 July 1.

Gen. Davis is a native of Washington, D. C. He entered the military service as a first lieutenant of infantry during the war with Spain. He was mustered out in March, 1899, and three months later enlisted as a private in the regular army. He was commissioned a second lieutenant of cavalry in February, 1901.

No successor to Gen. Davis has yet been announced. The 4th cavalry brigade is made up of the 9th and 10th cavalry regiments.

questioned Wednesday along with James Pettis, superintendent of the cemetery. Murphy charged them with removing the casket from the box and burying it in another grave.

Lose Fender Skirt
The Murphy party surprised the men when they returned to the cemetery to hunt for a fender skirt

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Stabbed When He Interferes In Tavern Fuss

When he allegedly interfered in an altercation in a tavern on East 47th street early Sunday morning, Earl Russell, 4837 So. Parkway, 26-year-old automobile mechanic, was stabbed and seriously wounded. Russell's assailant was James Harwell, 4837 Vincennes avenue. Harwell was arrested by Detectives Colander and English of Fifth District police.

The stabbing was the aftermath of a heated quarrel between Harwell and Wiley Jett of 4642 Calumet avenue, who accused the former of slapping his girl friend. It was stated Harwell went up to the woman and struck her in the face without any provocation, then left the tavern.

He returned a short time later, it was stated and Wiley accosted him.